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Previously...

Only Sophie and Roxanne knew what the Master did to their previous owners. When the dogs found graves under the back porch, Victor remembered something awful: the Master had killed his lady too. When Victor tried to call for help, Earl went upstairs and told the Master. Victor got taken out behind the shed and—BANG.

SOPHIE

RUSTY

EARL

ROXANNE

ALDO

KILLER

HENRY

OTHER HENRY

GUCCI

VICTOR

IMOGENE

STRAY DOGS

Chapter 4: PLAY DEAD

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RRRRRRRRRRRR

RUFF!

YIP YIP!

RUFF!

Huff Huff Huff Huff Huff Huff Huff

Ha!

Ok, ok! Here.

Just for you.

YIP! YIP! RRRRRRRRRRRR

BARK!

BARK!

Shhhh... No barking.

WHAT?!

THIS IS WHAT HE ALWAYS DOES!

JUST BECAUSE MASTER LIKES TO LOOK AT THE PICTURES HE MAKES...

THAT DOESN'T MAKE HIM A--

C-CLANK

...IT DOESN'T MAKE HIM A KILLER!

HEY, ARE YOU GUYS HUNGRY?

EARL, HOW CAN YOU NOT SEE IT? HE'S...

HE'S TAKEN CARE OF ALL OF US FOR...

WELL SINCE...

SINCE AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER!

BECAUSE I'M LIKE-- *STARVING.*

HOW LONG CAN YOU REMEMBER, EARL?

TELL US.

YOU DON'T LIKE HAVING A ROOF OVER YOUR HEAD?

FOOD TO EAT??

THE MASTER TAKES CARE OF--

KA-CHAK

K-CHUCK

WAIT...

WAIT, IS HE NOT GOING TO FEED US?

I HAVEN'T EATEN ANYTHING SINCE...

Be good.

SLAM

...SINCE VICTOR.

HE'S GOING TO KILL ALL OF US.

OH, COME ON!

HE'S NOT--

HE KILLED VICTOR LAST NIGHT, EARL!

HE JUST KILLED HIM LIKE IT WAS NOTHING!!

WE DON'T KNOW THAT.

VICTOR COULD JUST BE ON PUNISHMENT IN THE SHED!

WE KNOW!

WE HEARD HIM KILL VICTOR!

I SAW HIM KILL MY LADY!

HE KILLED ROXANNE'S LADY AND VICTOR'S LADY AND...

YOU ARE LYING!

HE DIDN'T DO ANY OF THAT! YOU'RE JUST CONFUSED!

OF COURSE YOU'D SAY THAT.

HIS LOYAL DOG.

YOU'RE GODDAMN RIGHT I AM!

HE'S NOT A KILLER. I KNOW IT!

I KNOW HIM.

I'VE BEEN HERE SINCE I WAS A PUP AND--

IM... IMOGENE ?

WHAT'S SHE...

OH.

I REMEMBER ALL OF IT!

I REMEMBER THE MASTER, HE'D ALWAYS GIVE ME TREATS AND, AND HE...

AND WHAT ELSE?

WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER?

WHAT KIND OF TREATS? WHO ELSE WAS THERE?

WAS IT COLD THAT DAY OR WARM?

HE WAS...
IT WAS...
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, I REMEMBER...
UM...I REMEMBER ...
NO, EARL, YOU DON'T!
NONE OF US DO.
I CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER WHAT MY LADY'S VOICE SOUNDED LIKE ANYMORE.
SEE!? SHE DOESN'T REMEMBER EITHER!!
SHE'S LYING! SHE'S GOT YOU ALL TURNED AROUND ON THE MASTER.
HE BRINGS US FOOD! HE KEEPS US SAFE!
NONE OF THIS HAPPENED BEFORE SHE CAME HERE! SHE'S LYING ABOUT THIS! AND--
I'M NOT!! PLEASE, EARL!! LISTEN--
I REMEMBER TOO.

WHAT?

OH, RUSTY...

I REMEM-BER--

I LIVED IN A DIFFERENT PLACE AND I HAD A LADY AND SHE...

THE MASTER...

HE CAME INTO OUR PLACE AND...

AND HE KILLED HER. HE...

WE HAVE TO DO SOME-THING.
WE CAN'T...
WE HAVE TO *GET OUT OF HERE!*
SOPHIE'S RIGHT.
HE'LL KILL ALL OF US IF WE--
WE CAN RUN. *WE'LL RUN!*
NO, NO. NO MORE TALK LIKE THAT.
IT'S NOT TRUE!
VICTOR'S NOT DEAD!
IF YOU GUYS TRY TO RUN--
IF WE TRY TO RUN, WHAT?!
YOU'LL RAT US OUT LIKE YOU DID VICTOR?!

WHAT?!

YOU TOLD MASTER?

EARL...

THAT'S NOT TRUE, IS IT?

I...I DON'T REMEMBER!

I DIDN'T MEAN...I... NO.

I...

I SAID DON'T RUN.

SOPHIE! STAY!

HOW COULD YOU?

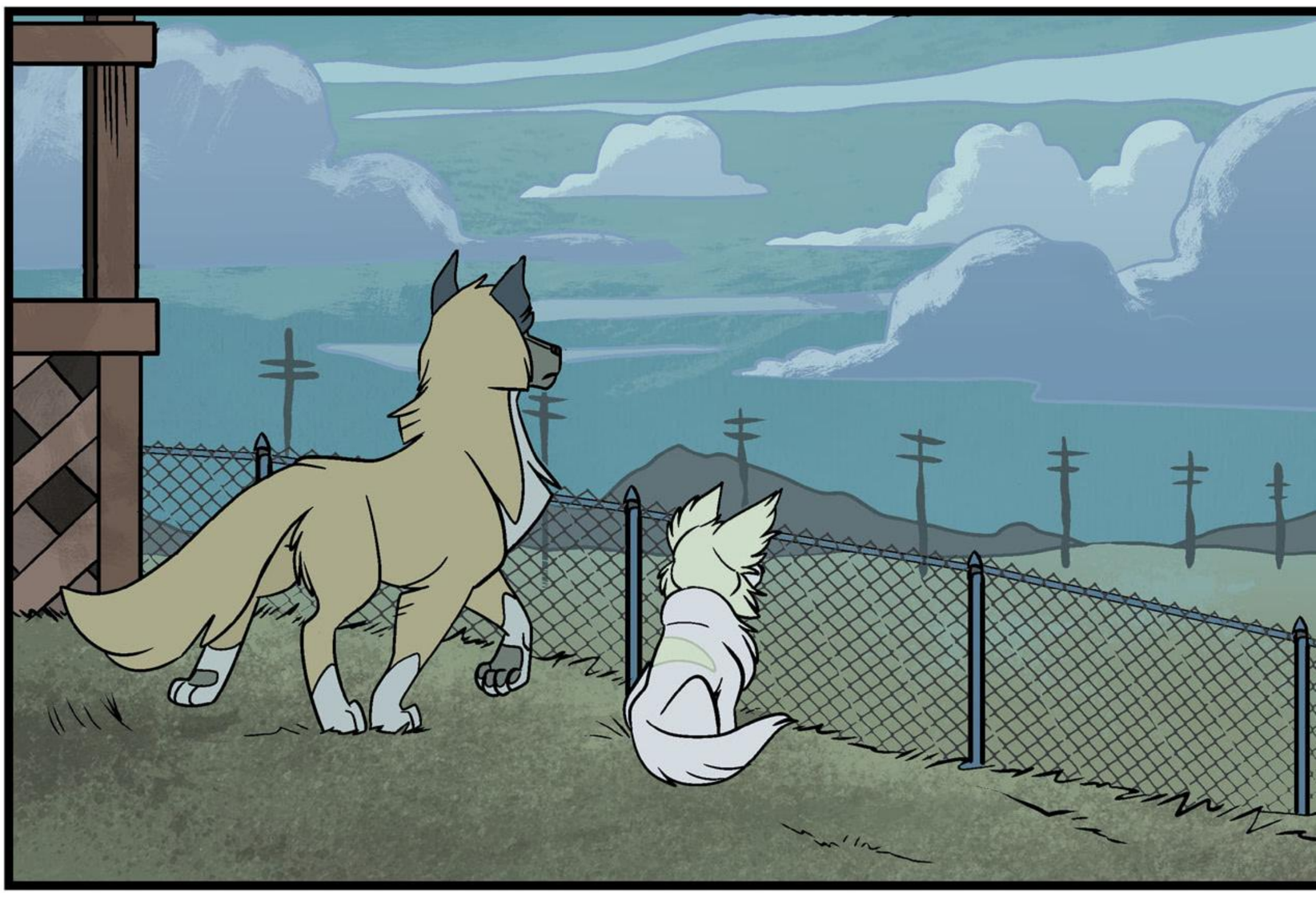
I'M NOT RUNNING.

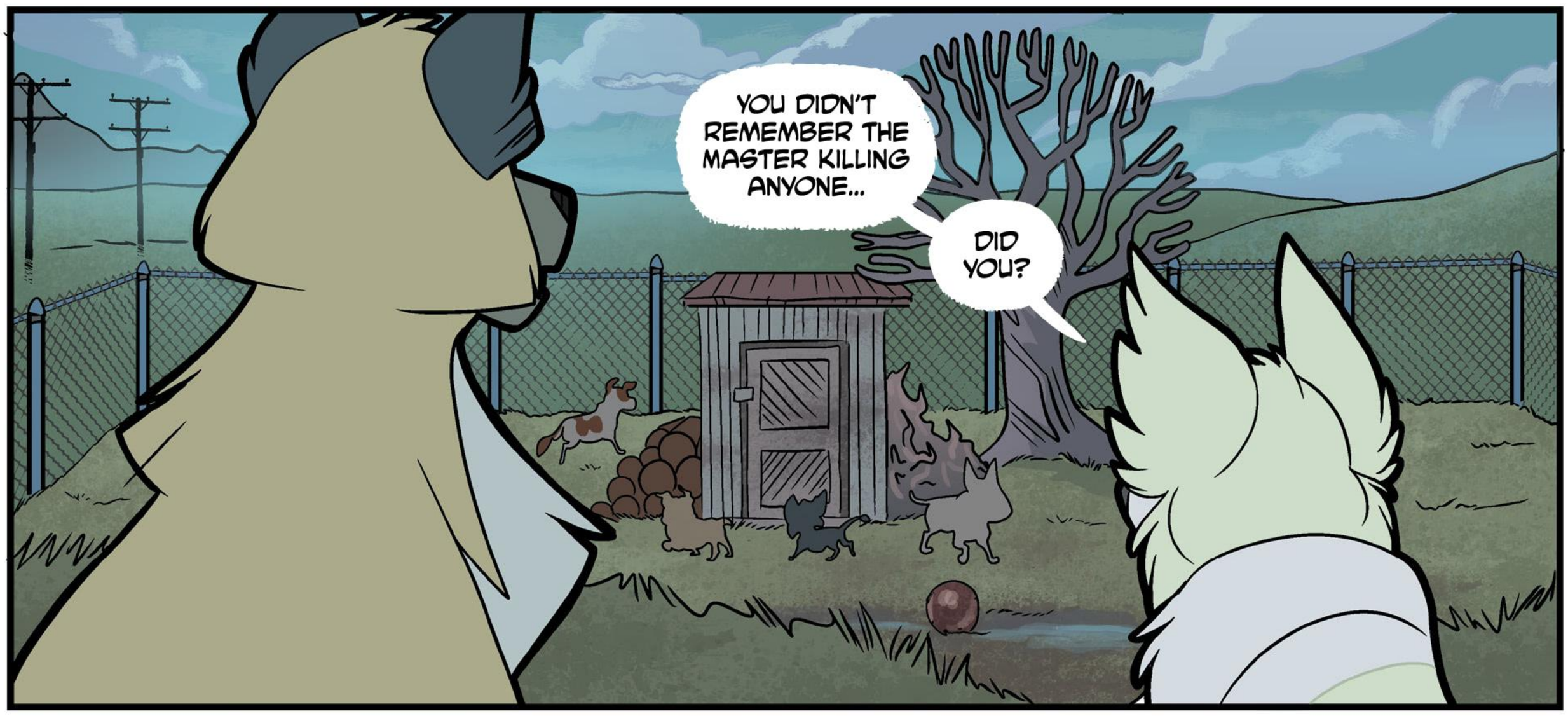
THEN WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

I'M GOING TO SEE ABOUT VICTOR.

HOLD ON...

US TOO.




YOU DIDN'T REMEMBER THE MASTER KILLING ANYONE...
DID YOU?

NO. I DIDN'T.

BUT...

HEY!!

HEY, I SMELL SOMETHING HERE!

BUT THEY LISTEN TO ME.

AND I BELIEVE YOU REMEMBER.

...SMELLS LIKE VICTOR!!

RIGHT HERE.

WHAT IS THIS...

I'M TELLING YOU, IT'S VICTOR!

... IS IT BLOOD ??

HOLD UP.

WAIT...

WAIT. HE'S SOMEWHERE ELSE TOO.

THEY DON'T KNOW.

HE GAVE ME TREATS.

THEY DON'T KNOW ANY--

BUMP

SNIFF

"IN THERE..."

...HE'S IN THERE.

HOLD ON!

WHAT?

DON'T GO IN THERE!

WHY NOT?

IT'S OPEN.

WE DON'T EVER...

THAT'S WHERE... THAT'S...

PUNISHMENT.

ARE YOU KIDDING ME?

HE SAID VICTOR'S IN HERE!

WE HAVE TO...

SOPHIE, IS HE IN THERE?

SOPHIE?

VICTOR?

RUN!

WHAT?!

WHAT IS IT?!

JUST... RUN!!

PLEASE!

PLEASE!

WE CAN'T STAY HERE!

IS IT PUNISHMENT?!

WELL, NOW I GOTTA SEE.

WAIT...

PLEASE JUST RUN!!

PLEASE !!!

PLEASE DON'T-- !!!

AUGUST

RUN.

WAIT!

SLAM!

GAH! IT'S TOO--

I CAN'T CLIMB IT!

DIG! WE CAN *DIG!*

NO, I'VE DUG ALL OVER HERE!

THE FENCE...

IT GOES ALL THE WAY DOWN!

DID YOU CHECK THE GATE!?

"IT'S LOCKED!"

SNIFF
SNIFF

THE FRONT DOOR!

WE CAN--

BUT WE'RE NOT ALLOWED OUT FRONT!

WHAT!?

FAST CARS OUT THERE!

OTHER HENRY!

WE'RE NOT DOING THE RULES RIGHT NOW!

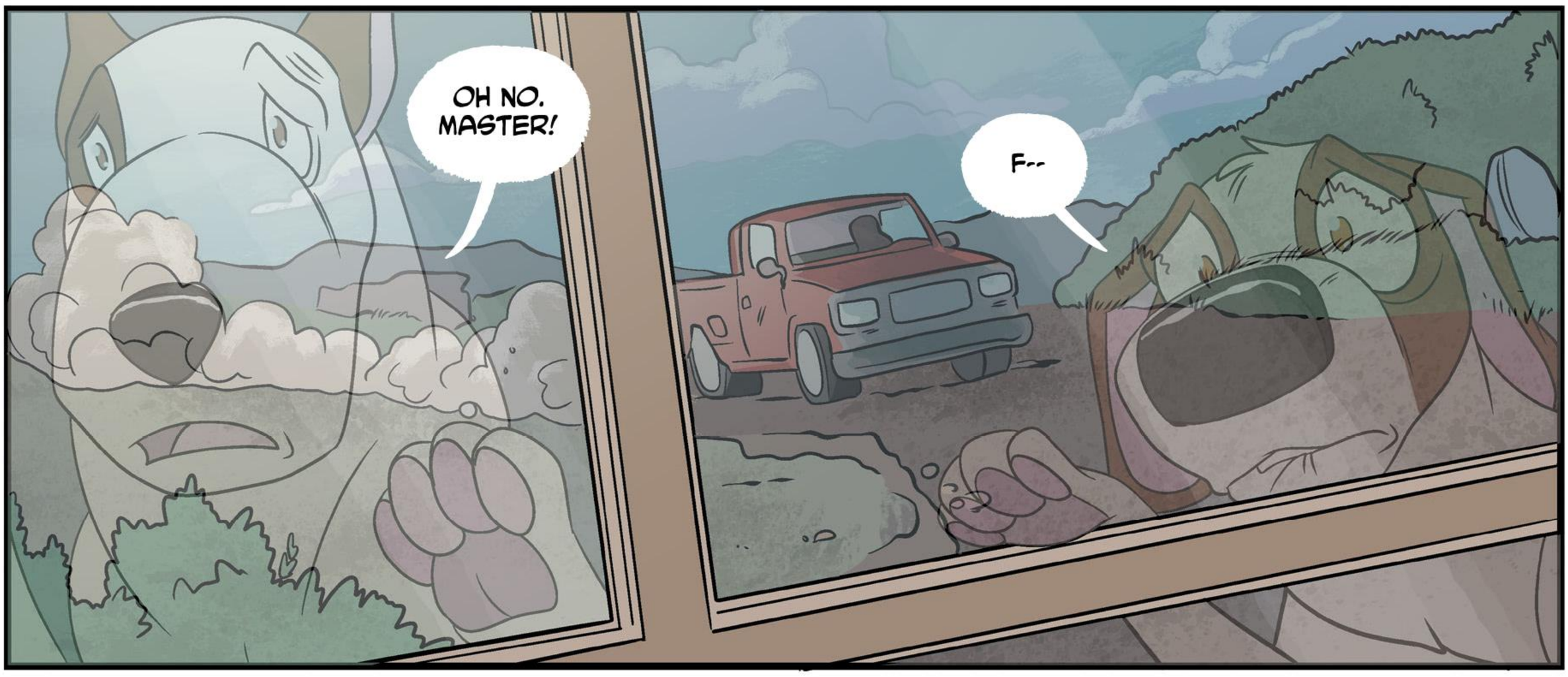
WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF--!

SNIFF SNIFF SN--

CAN'T...
THIS ONE IS LOCKED TOO!

SNIFF

WE HAVE TO...
IF WE CAN JUST...


OH NO. MASTER!
F--

HIDE!

SNIFF SNIFF

YIP!
YIP!
BARK!
YIP!
YIP!
Shh
Shh!
LOCK
KA-CHAK
Ok, ok.
Now shush!
Here...
...Quiet.

H--

Help!

It's ok, Earl. It's ok.

You're safe now.

NEW.

NEW DOG!

S-S-SNIFF.

SNIFF. SNIFF.

CH-CHAK

Hey!

Bad dog.

END CHAPTER 4.

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READER MAIL

Team Stray Dogs,
Great first issue from front to back! I'll definitely be picking up issue 2 when it's released. Now for the real reason I'm here. I'm speaking for Molly (pictured below) and I when I say don't you dare hurt those dogs!

Bill Ridgway
Medford, NJ

Hello Tony, Trish, Tone, and Brad,
I just finished reading Stray Dogs 1 and loved it. I was a little nervous at first, because I don't like books where violence happens to animals, and I'm happy to find that not the case.
Keep up the awesome work and I will be picking up this entire run.

Thank you,
Abby Benedict
Grand Rapids, MI

Thanks so much for the letters Bill and Abby (and Molly). And thanks to everyone who's written in. We've gotten a lot of positive emails (and tweets and DMs and comments and pictures of dogs). We also got a lot of this same, very reasonable sentiment: "Don't you dare hurt those dogs!"

So, without going into spoilers or explaining why we made certain choices in the story while we're still in the middle of it, I do want to say, if that was too much for you, we're very sorry. We love these cartoon dogs almost as much as we love our own dogs. This story is very important to Trish and I and hopefully after reading these first four issues, you trust us to tell this story and not do anything totally gratuitous.

If you're feeling like you want to help some dogs in need right now, Trish's favorite rescue is www.chaamp.org and mine is www.bullterrierrescue.org.

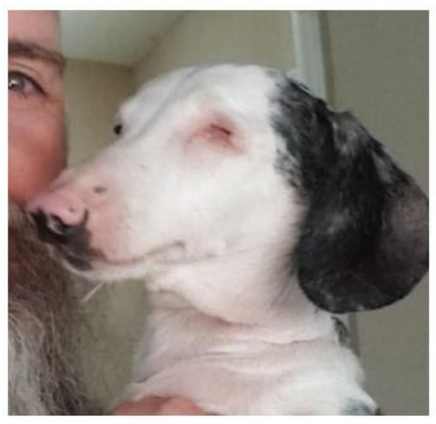
Thanks for reading,
Tony Fleecs
4/10/2021

Molly

Rukia

Spanky

Daisy Mae

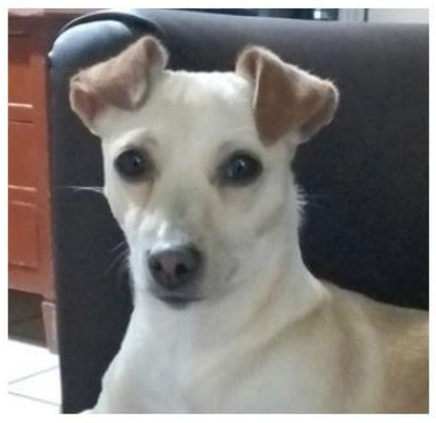

Charming

Franklin

Pluto

Toph

Nubbins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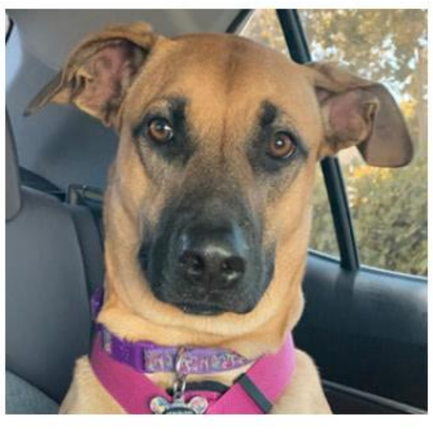
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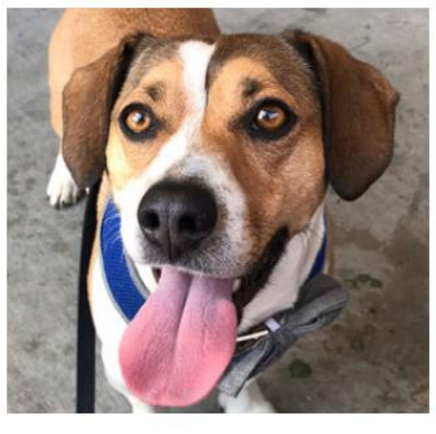
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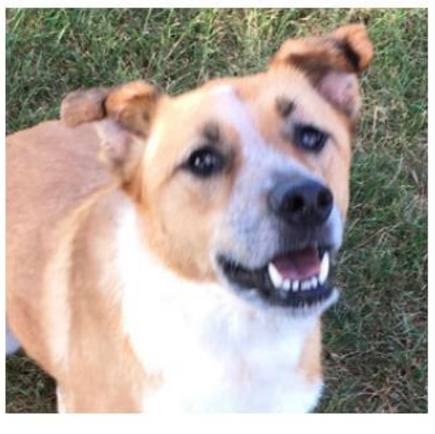
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Diamond

Mira

Brogan

Cricket

Tapper

Alice, Bella & Krispy

Sawyer

Archie & Theo

Shyann

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Arthur

Toki Wartooth

Jooniper

Vinnie & Gracie

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Rollo

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Sookie

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Milo

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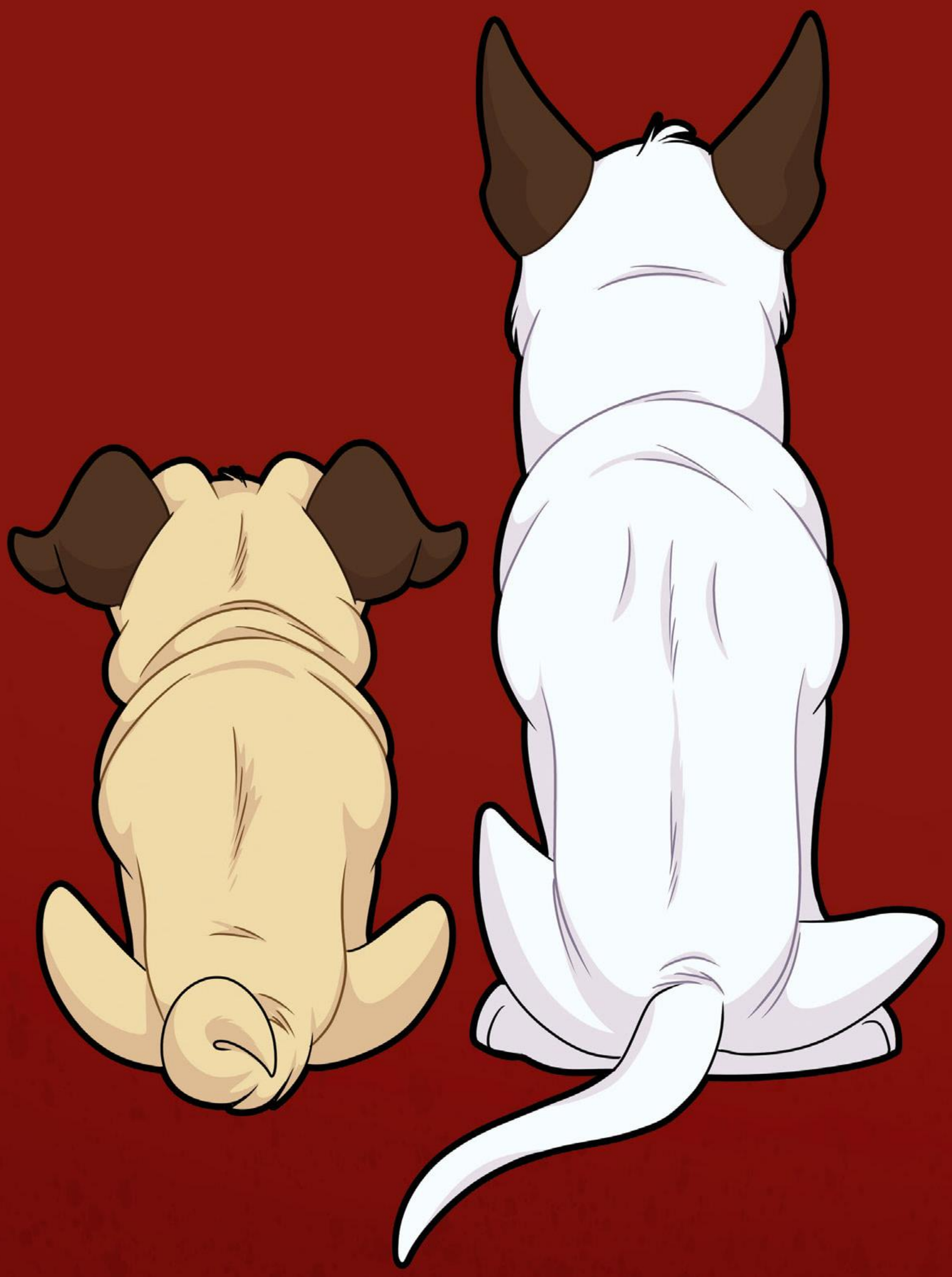

RATED T+/TEEN PLUS

SON OF ULTRON

"THIS FAN... THIS MONSTER!"